TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 145 – SB 185

January 28, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits, after July 1, 2015, a city or county from issuing a beer permit to an applicant, unless the applicant has been a lawful citizen or resident of the United States for not less than one year immediately preceding the application date.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that an overwhelming majority of current beer permit holders are lawful citizens or residents of the United States. The number of current beer permit holders who are not lawful citizens or residents is estimated to be marginal and not significant.
- Further, beer permits are granted for a period of one year. Any current lawful residents of the United States who hold a beer permit will meet the one-year residency requirement at the time of the beer permit renewal. Therefore, any impact on the current beer permit holders is estimated to be not significant.
- To the extent the imposed one-year citizenship or residency requirement significantly decreases the number of new applicants that will obtain a beer license, the proposed legislation would result in a significant decrease in state and local government revenue.
- However, due the assumption that, under current law, the number of applicants who are not lawful citizens or residents is not significant, and the fact that any lawful citizens or residents could reapply for the beer permit as soon as they meet the one-year citizenship or residency requirement, any impact of the proposed legislation on the number of licensees and subsequent gross sales of beer in the state is estimated to be not significant. Therefore, any impact on state and local revenue is considered not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director